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--2.Description of the Related Art--

Page 2, above line 1 add the following paragraph:

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--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 4, above line 1 add the following paragraph:

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 4, above line 11, add the following paragraph:

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--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel *claim 1.*

Please amend claims 2 and 3 as shown below, and see the Appendix attached hereto for a version of such claims with markings to show the changes made. Please add new claims 4 and 5.

2. (Amended) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that said additive comprises 11 to 13.5% by weight of silicon.

3. (Amended) An electric lamp as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the connection body comprises a eutectic mixture of aluminum with approximately 12.5% by weight of silicon.

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4. (New) An electric lamp comprising

a light-transmitting lamp vessel,

an electric element in the lamp vessel,

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current supply conductors extending to the electric element,

a lamp cap connected to the lamp vessel, which lamp cap has a shell portion and a base portion which each support an electric contact member, each electric contact member and a respective current supply conductor being fused to a solidified connection body comprising aluminum and an additive, wherein said additive comprises 5 to 16% by weight of silicon.

5. (New) The electric lamp of claim 4 wherein said solidified connection body consists essentially of aluminum and silicon.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please enter the following replacement for all paragraphs on page 7 and see the Appendix for changes made.

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An electric lamp with a simple welding/brazing connection comprises an electric element (2) in a translucent lamp vessel (1) with current supply conductors (4,5) and a lamp cap (6) connected to the vessel (1) and having a shell portion (7) and a base portion (8) carrying an electric contact (9). The current supply conductor (4,5) passes through the surface of this contact